



MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Johnston, Purchasing

FROM: Todd Renshaw, Chief of Police

SUBJ: FY10 Purchase Order-Specialty Vehicle Solutions

DATE: June 7, 2010

In 2010, the Police Department was awarded a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for funding of an Evidence Recovery Vehicle. This vehicle will provide a "state of the art" evidence gathering and processing platform needed to meet today's evidence gathering standards especially the collection of DNA evidence. The Evidence Recovery Vehicle will be operated by the Criminalist Supervisor, a second Criminalist and the Property and Evidence Specialist.

The Evidence Recovery Vehicle would be used daily to gather, catalogue, and preserve property and evidence from crime scenes within the City of Frisco and if called upon, respond to outlying communities to assist in major crime scenes on an as needed (Mutual Aid) basis. Upon purchasing the vehicle, the vendor will warranty the vehicle for one year. At the end of the grant period, the Frisco Police Department would sustain the vehicle and its contents through the normal budget process and continue to fund it for the life of the program.

A significant advantage of having a dedicated Crime Scene Evidence Recovery Vehicle is that it will contain all the equipment and supplies needed to collect and preserve evidence. With the addition of sophisticated forensic equipment and a workstation, the vehicle can double as a limited mobile laboratory and can be used to analyze some types of trace evidence, such as invisible latent prints or trace DNA which would normally have to wait until the evidence was taken back to the Police Laboratory or an outside contractor such as the Texas Department of Public Safety. This reduction of time could mean the difference between a quick arrest or a lengthy delay until the evidence could be developed somewhere else.

This grant was awarded in the amount of \$125,245 with a grant period of 10-01-09 to 09-30-10. Research was conducted into different companies that manufacture and market evidence recovery vehicles. The Police Department has selected a vehicle from Specialty Vehicle Solutions, LLC. Specialty Vehicle Solutions provides the best value, platform, electronics, and surveillance equipment suited for the Frisco Police Department. The final negotiated price for the vehicle with options and supplies is \$125,245.00. The vehicle with options is \$100,000 with \$25,245 allocated to evidence collection kits, equipment, and equipment. Specialty Vehicle Solutions is currently on the TXMAS contract 8-23V030, Part #CSV (crime scene vehicle).

Should you need additional information, please advise.

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